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Truman to Act on A.F.L. Request for Emergency Wage Increases

President Truman promised prompt consideration of A.F.L. President William Green's request for immediate increases in wage rates to make up for loss of overtime and to maintain the purchasing power of American workers.

At a White House conference, Mr. Green told the President that the Little Steel formula must be modified to permit an additional 20 percent boost in wage rates.

Contrary to newspaper reports to the effect that President Truman had rejected this demand, the Chief Executive made it clear that he was gravely concerned about the danger of sharp reduction of wage earning during the reconversion period and would investigate the problem thoroughly before acting.

It is expected that he will assign the job of working out a solution to the new Secretary of Labor, Lewis B. Schwollenbach, who takes office July 1.

WAGE ISSUE EMPHASIZED

1—That wage rates can be increased without bringing about inflation because the higher rates would only make up to workers the income they are losing due to the loss of overtime pay.

2—That payment of higher wage rates need not force higher prices for products because of the tremendously increased productivity of labor and because employers can, therefore, afford to pay their workers more.

In his petition to the President, Mr. Green said: "We ask for the immediate restoration of collective bargaining within the present price structure. We recognize the necessity of continuing price control while civilian supplies are scarce."

"The restoration of collective bargaining within this range would permit workers to regain at least the losses in the buying power of straight-time hourly earnings."

"An immediate wage increase of approximately 11 percent is due workers, so that their spendable incomes will not be reduced by the price increases which have occurred since May, 1942. This will overcome the injustice due to the Little Steel formula."

"Whenever existing low wages cause manpower bottlenecks as for textiles, lumber and soil pipe, then the necessary wage increases should be negotiated and submitted to the National War Labor Board for approval and recommendation for price adjustment if necessary. This change in wage policy together with the removal of manpower restrictions, would eliminate the major reasons for manpower shortages. Restrictive controls are detrimental to an expanding economy."

"As soon as reconversion gets under way, wages must rise further so that the total increase will amount to 20 percent to compensate for the loss of overtime and create adequate buying power."

RELIEF FROM FORMULA NEEDED

"We appeal to you because only the President can free us from the grip of the Little Steel formula."

In discussing the problems of reconversion, Mr. Green told the President that the purchasing power of the Nation's workers is the key toward expanding civilian economy before the defeat of Japan. He continued:

"Pressure of buying power is in proportion to continuity of current income, assured by availability of jobs as well as the level of current earnings."

"In the last analysis wage rates are the prime factor in determining the level of national income."

"The task of providing employment for all workers in the United States, seeking an opportunity to earn a living, is one of the greatest our country faces after the war. Full employment is impossible unless consumers have enough buying power to create a market for the goods and services our industries will produce at full employment levels. The consumers market depends more heavily on workers' buying power than that of any other group, for workers buy 75 percent of all consumer products. May I repeat the wage rate is the key to the workers' incomes. Our incomes based on United States Commerce Department figures, show that workers' buying at present wage levels will fall short by \$13 billion of the amount needed to create an adequate consumer market."

Statement by President Green

The following statement by President William Green of the A.F.L. was issued early this week. It has to do with the labor-management charter entered into by organized labor and the United States Chamber of Commerce. Here is Green's statement:

"The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor last month unanimously ratified the labor-management charter entered into by organized labor and the United States Chamber of Commerce and wholeheartedly subscribed to its objectives, namely, the establishment and maintenance of industrial peace."

"However, the Executive Council did object to the proposed procedure for setting up a national committee to implement the charter."

"Considering the great area of controversy covered by the labor-management charter, it is only to be expected that difficulties will arise from time to time."

"It is my earnest hope and belief that the procedural questions now involved may be adjusted in a satisfactory way."

Encountered Unreasonable Attitude

At a meeting held by the general committee of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, A.F.L., with representatives of the Western Union to negotiate a new agreement for the employees, it was evident from the beginning that the company was not seriously concerned in trying to reach a fair and equitable contract with the union.

The Committee wired its affiliates in May that "the vast majority of counter proposals are old 'typical' historic phraseology of the company replete with ambiguities, loopholes and an open mesh through which the company can walk in any direction as suits its fancy . . . the most glaring, brazen and shameful example of the company's utter disregard of your rights and welfare has been demonstrated in its unchanged position that you have been fairly and equitably dealt with by the company on the subject of integration of the seniorities of the employees of the merged companies and that their administration of the wage parity directives of the W.L.B. will not be changed by them unless they are ordered to do so."

It is very evident that the negotiating committee is going to have considerable trouble, but they are determined to see that the employees get a fair deal. In order for them to do so, it is equally important that they are given the full support of the membership, so that they can exert all the necessary pressure to whip the company into line and make it more receptive to the wage revisions and working condition requests that are being made.

A.F.L. Radio News Program

A radio news program sponsored by the American Federation of Labor will become a reality on Saturday, July 7, and will continue each Saturday at 3:45 p. m., PWT, for the balance of the year. The program will be presented over the Blue Network (San Francisco station KGO). It will be entitled "The American Federationist of the Air." The program will be listed in the radio columns of the newspapers as "Labor-U.S.A."

Each program will feature special reports by A.F.L. staff experts and will pertain to matters of outstanding interest to labor as well as covering news highlights. Additionally, the A.F.L. plans to have a "guest column" by a high-ranking personality in the Nation's life each week. Phil Pearl will be the A.F.L. commentator.

If you are interested in the news of labor and its views on important national and international questions, make certain to listen to these programs regularly.

Is Post-War Period Near?

How near is the much-discussed "post-war" period? The answer can safely be given as, "It's here now for discharged veterans and displaced war workers"—both are experiencing re-adjustment difficulties. The A.F.L. Labor's League for Human Rights has outlined its future program and is increasing the number of central labor union veterans' committees. The duties of these committees include:

- 1—Helping the returned serviceman find a job.
- 2—Becoming familiar with the "G.I. Bill of Rights" and the Selective Service Act.
- 3—Providing information concerning benefits given by local, State and Federal agencies.

Hod Carriers' Official Dies

Merle D. Cox, 44, third vice-president of the International Union of Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union of America and vice-president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, died suddenly June 13 at Garfield Hospital, Washington, from a heart ailment. Mr. Cox's wife, Kathryn, was with him at the time of death. The international union was represented at the funeral by Vice-President Herbert Rivers of Washington, Secretary-Treasurer of the A.F.L. Building and Construction Trades Council.

Restoration of Holidays Asked

The Federal Council of Personnel Administration has approved a resolution asking that July 4, Labor Day and Thanksgiving be restored as holidays for Federal employees. They now get only one holiday a year, that one day being Christmas.

Federal Labor Legislation

Senators Ball, Burton and Hatch have introduced legislation in the United States Senate which they describe as an "industrial peace charter." The legislation has met with vigorous opposition from all labor heads in Washington. The bill would require compulsory arbitration of so-called "grievances;" it follows the set-up in the Railway Labor Act.

Printers Strike

At the time of closing copy for this edition of the LABOR CLARION, a news dispatch from Santa Rosa stated that printers on the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat had walked out over a dispute involving a "contract clause providing the paper shall abide by the terms of the contract as it was in 1944 and as it may be amended."

Federal Conciliator F. F. Wenif failed to effect a settlement to the dispute Wednesday. Several tentative offers have been rejected by the printers and I.T.U. Representative Jack Whiting is deadlocked with Publisher Carl R. Lehman over a clause in the proposed contract that recognition be given I.T.U. laws.

Copy for July 6 Edition

Copy for the July 6 edition of the LABOR CLARION should be prepared and forwarded to reach the office Monday afternoon of July 2. This change in closing time is for one edition only, made necessary by the Fourth of July holiday.

War on Accidents in Paper Industry

Death and injury affecting more than 15,000 workers, substantial wage losses and 10,000 man days of work on critically needed paper products were saved as the result of an intensive 6-month campaign to reduce accidents in the paper and pulp industry, Secretary of Labor Perkins reports.

Organized Labor took a leading part in the industry-wide drive, sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor's standards. Government agencies, State labor departments, management organizations and insurance companies co-operated actively.

"Work accidents did not disrupt the flow of vital war supplies as seriously from October through March as in the same 6-month period a year ago in the industry because of the attention focused on accident prevention," Miss Perkins said.

DRIVE RESULTS HAILED

"Management, labor and the co-operative agencies," she added, "have every right to be proud of the drive which added 10,000 man-days of work to war production. At this rate, accident reduction can save the industry, 20,000 man-days of production and over 1 1/4 million dollars a year in direct and indirect costs. I am confident that this record is only a beginning for greater accomplishments in accident prevention by this important industry."

Recalling that nearly 11,000 paper and pulp workers were injured in 1943, Miss Perkins emphasized that "In terms of human life and suffering, the

6-month record shows that the drive prevented at least 500 disability injuries and 15,000 non-disability injuries. Over \$60,000 in wage losses to employees were also prevented by reducing lost-time accidents. Safeguarding the life, health and earning power of even one worker is an achievement which cannot be measured in money."

More than 900 paper and pulp mills with a total employment of about 150,000 are scattered throughout 36 states. More than three-fourths of the mills employed fewer than 100 workers. Miss Perkins pointed out that only a few accidents a year in these plants can drastically hinder production and strain the limited manpower resources of the industry.

A.F.L. UNIONS CO-OPERATE

Sponsors of the safety drive, with the U. S. Department of Labor, were the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, American Paper and Pulp Association, American Pulp and Paper Mill Superintendents Association, American Mutual Alliance, National Safety Council, American Standards Association, National Conservation Bureau, National Fire Protection Association, American Red Cross, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, State labor departments, and Federal agencies of Commerce, Agriculture and Public Health.

White Paper on Post-War Plans

A "White Paper" entitled, "Employment and Income," was recently presented to the Canadian Parliament by the Minister of Reconstruction, Honorable C. D. Howe. Outlined in the report was plans for the post-war period in Canada with special reference to the initial period of reconstruction.

Pointing out that comprehensive provisions have already been made for the demobilization and re-establishment of members in the armed forces, the "White Paper" stated that these provisions will depend for their success on the availability of employment.

"The central task of reconstruction, in the interest of the armed services and civilians alike, must be to accomplish a smooth, orderly transition from the economic conditions of war to those of peace and to maintain a high and stable level of employment and income. The Government adopts this as a primary object of policy . . . the active co-operation of all governments and groups in the country will be essential to success," the "White Paper" asserted.

No shortage of jobs is anticipated in the period between the defeat of Germany and the defeat of Japan. During this period some members of the armed forces and some workers in war industries will be released to civilian industry, whose requirements for labor and material will still exceed the amounts that can be made available.

R. R. Donnelley Plants Struck

Full particulars of the strike of printing trades workers and others at the R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company's Chicago plants are at this date unavailable. Circulars issued by the various unions which are at hand, indicate that a most determined fight is being waged to unionize the plants of the company. Most widely known of Donnelley publications are Time and Life, which were placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council many years ago.

Messages for 14 People

The San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross announce they are holding messages from relatives in foreign countries for 14 former residents of this city. These messages are held at the Home Service office, 2015 Steiner street.

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"Union Label and Post-War"

I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department, A.F.L., will deliver a radio address over the coast-to-coast network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. Locally, Mr. Ornburn's address will be heard over Station KQW, starting at 1:15 o'clock Saturday afternoon, June 30.

Deaths in Labor's Ranks

(As Reported in the Daily Press)

Morrissey, Frederick L.—In this city, June 12; a member of Garage and Service Station Employees, Local 665.

Neilson, Alvin G.—In Berkeley, June 13; a member of San Francisco Typographical Union, Local 21.

Torre, Louis—In Oakland, June 12; a member of the Brotherhood of Carpenters.

Hallet, James L.—In this city, June 15; a member of National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, Local 2.

Jara, Manuel—In this city, June 15; a member of Butchers' Union, Local 508.

Lucey, Patrick—In this city, June 15; a member of Bakery Drivers, Local 484.

Binning, Henry H.—In this city, June 14; a member of Letter Carriers', Golden Gate Branch, Local 214.

Marks, Louis D.—In this city, June 16; a member of Elevator Operators and Starters, Local 117.

Fritz, John David—In Hayward, June 17; a member of Brewers and Maltsters' Local 7, and East Bay Machinists', Local 1304.

Shae, Daniel T.—In this city, June 16; a member of Bottlers' Union.

Binder, Louis—June 16; a member of International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

Carroll, Myrtle A.—In this city, June 11; a member of Waitresses' Union, Local 48.

Irwin, Willard—In this city, June 16; a member of Carpenters' Union, Local 22.

Sourlas, Demetrios—In this city, June 16; a member of Miscellaneous Employees' Union, Local 110.

Label Ruled Union Property

A union label is the property of the union and should be used only with union consent, the National Labor Relations Board has ruled in the case of the General Cable Corp., St. Louis, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The Kansas City regional board has directed retention in the labor contract of a paragraph specifying that "the corporation reserves the right either to use or not to use an insignia stating that the materials manufactured by it under this agreement have been made and assembled by members of the union."

The old contract required every employee to join the union. The new contract provided the standard maintenance of membership clause, with a 15-day "escape period."

In its appeal from the regional board, the union contended that since the board refused to order the union shop, it had no right to order the products produced by non-union employees. The national board agreed.

"Goop" Bombs Union-Made

The new "goop" and other fire-bearing bombs are made in part by A.F.L. workers at army ordnance plants, the Bade-Cummins Company at Louisville, Ky., and the Lonergan Company at Albion, Michigan. Around 100,000 workers are engaged in making the bombs which are credited with dropping more destruction on Japan than even bombed-out cities in Germany felt.

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Amendment Held Menace

Twenty-two women leaders have signed a strong protest against Senate Joint Resolution 61, termed by its proponents the "Equal Rights Amendment." The protest was forwarded to Senators sponsoring the bill. The amendment is opposed by the American Federation of Labor.

"We are convinced that the adoption of this amendment to our constitution would result in great hardship for millions of American women," the letter said.

"In the first place it would endanger all of the legislation enacted to meet the special needs of women workers, such as the minimum wage and maximum hour laws for women. It would open the way to the expansion of the sweatshop and to the employment of women under conditions that undermine their health. We recognize that many such laws should be extended to cover men as well as women, but they have not been extended to date and until they are, it is unintelligent to give up the legislative gains that have been made for women.

"Second, the Equal Rights Amendment would endanger present laws designed to protect women as mothers and potential mothers, thereby threatening the fundamental structure of the family. It would also jeopardize the provisions of the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Act and of a number of State workmen's compensation laws which would give special benefits to wives and widows.

"Third, the amendment would prevent enactment of any future State or Federal legislation which does not apply equally to men and women, thus preventing enactment of any special legislation on special needs of women that might arise in the future.

"Finally, the amendment would lead to endless litigation, no doubt regarding the legality of thousands of statutes, and to a widespread state of legal confusion which we can ill afford as we enter the trying post-war period.

"One of our major goals in the peace to come is greater security for all our people, the Equal Rights Amendment would deprive women of substantial social protection without assuring them any real benefit. It would have the effect of nullifying a great many laws in most cases, new legislation would have to be passed in the usual way by the legislature or by Congress to secure a positive change."

Labor Directors to be Named

American organized labor has been requested to name three directors to the Elizabeth Kenny Institute, Minneapolis, established to promote the infantile paralysis treatment developed by Sister Elizabeth Kenny. Mayor Marvin L. Kline, president of the institute, has announced that letters have been sent William Green, A.F.L. president; B. M. Jewell, president of the A.F.L. Railroad Employees Department, and Philip Murray, C.I.O. president, inviting each to appoint one member.

Granted Wage Increases

Members of Tobacco Workers' International No. 226, working in the plant of Falls City Tobacco Company, Inc., recently were granted five cents per hour increase together with a maintenance of membership clause and a check-off system. The increase is retroactive to November 15, 1944. Another increase was granted employees of Luckett-Wake Tobacco Company, Local No. 207. This increase was for five cents an hour and retroactive to January 1, 1945.

At a United States base in the Marianas, Water-tender First Class Charles P. Pinkes, who was killed in July of 1944 while repairing a flame thrower, was honored by his former officers and mates when they named the camp they are now occupying, Camp Pinkes.

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Holding of Convention Denied

The War Committee on Conventions has rejected the application of the International Typographical Union to convene its 88th national meeting at Charlotte, North Carolina. The convention was scheduled for August 18-24.

Careful With That Extra Gas!

Don't let that extra gasoline go to your head—or your foot. In the interest of saving tires, cars and manpower needed to speed victory, the following facts are well to remember when you feel the urge to give the "old buggy" an extra shot or two on the accelerator:

1—That the good old car is not what she used to be. Tires, brakes and other parts are older and can't take any extra speed without real danger. Therefore, avoid a heavy foot.

2—That streets and highways are older. Of necessity they have been neglected since Pearl Harbor and are full of traffic booby traps.

3—That drivers are a bit older, too—yes, a bit rusty from lack of practice. They, too, can't take added speed without danger.

4—That it's a matter of common sense and practical patriotism to use extra care to overcome the heady combination of V-E elation, more gasoline, good driving weather, vacation time and a feeling that "it won't last long now."

The National Safety Council, in making the suggestions, points out that it would be tragically ironic if we were to use the extra gasoline gained by the victory gained in Europe to cause accidents that might delay victory in the Pacific.

Officers Elected

Members of the Allied Printing Trades Council elected the following officers to conduct the business of the Council for the ensuing year. Those elected were:

President—William S. Hogan (Bookbinders and Bindery Women, No. 31).

Vice-President—Claude M. Baker (San Francisco Typographical Union, No. 21).

Secretary-Treasurer—Joseph P. Bailey (Mailers' Union, No. 18).

Sergeant-at-Arms—Arthur Ehmeke (Bookbinders and Bindery Women, No. 31).

Auditing Committee—Joseph Green (Stereotypers and Electrotypes, No. 29); Paul Van Zandt (Printing Pressmen, No. 24), and Charles F. Crawford (San Francisco Typographical Union, No. 21).

A rather unique situation developed with the election of Mr. Hogan. It was pointed out that he is president of the East Bay Allied Printing Trades Council. The delegates to the local council were of the opinion that harmony and smooth operation can be the result of such a setup. Mr. Hogan explained his thoughts on the matter and left the decision of his election to the council members.

Auto Tax Stamp on Sale

No doubt, you have read this before and it is herewith again printed as a reminder for you to get your Federal Automobile Use Tax Stamp. They are on sale at the Internal Revenue offices, postoffices and at offices of the California State Automobile Association. All motor vehicles in use on July 1 must display a stamp.

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Again we reprint from the WASHINGTON TEAMSTER, official publication of the Joint Council No. 28, of Seattle, Washington. The editorial on cartels tells a story that every union man and woman should become familiar with, not through the daily press, but through reading their labor papers. The WASHINGTON TEAMSTER editorial:

Cartels are again in the news. They have been more or less forgotten since the storm of disapproval when it was learned that the shortage of synthetic rubber, and other war materials, was caused by cartel arrangements in which the Standard Oil, DuPonts, Alcoa, and others participated. Now the Department of Justice is suing big manufacturers for entering into cartel deals with foreign powers, which have prevented the use of a finer type of storage battery in American army vehicles. The Nazis and the British used the better battery, but our own manufacturers made our army use less suitable equipment.

A cartel, as you have guessed by this time, is a private deal between giant, selfish interests to kill off competition, keep scientific improvements from the public, and make bigger profits. It has its start in private Associations that connive to fix prices, it goes from there into politics, it drives independent competitors out of business, it prevents the establishment of new enterprises through control of patents and raw materials, it locks new inventions up in strong boxes, it limits production, and it enters into monopolistic conspiracies with foreign and often hostile nations. A cartel has no boundaries and no flag, no country and no loyalty.

Cartel chiefs always hate union labor. Every practice of the cartel is inimical to the welfare of working people. It is very much to Labor's interest that Congress outlaw the cartel.

Continue Aid to Russia

The people of war-torn Russia still need our help. President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, said in a letter to Edward C. Carter head of Russian War Relief, Inc. Urging continued support of a Nation-wide drive, Green cited the high standard set last year when \$23,000.00 in cash and goods was raised for the Soviet Union. The Washington branch of the Russian War Relief, is acting as a receiving station, along with some 100 volunteer groceries, for contributions of bouillon cubes, rice, canned milk and baby foods in glass jars.

Political Science Course

Present day questions will be discussed in the political science offerings of the University of California summer session on the Berkeley campus. The session will open on July 2 for six weeks. N. Wing Mah, associate professor of political science, Berkeley, will discuss modern China in the making and her role in the post-war world. He will also discuss the war in the Pacific and its effects on the peoples there.

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Welcome, Mr. President

President Harry S. Truman's visit to San Francisco will be hailed by all citizens of the State and city as well as by all the peoples of the world. His address to a final session of the United Nations Conference will be awaited with the hope that he will erase from the minds of the doubtful just what the future peace meeting may have inherited from the deliberations that have been going on here in San Francisco for the past weeks. Organized Labor will welcome the President as a man who seems to have an understanding of the needs of the working men and women. Mr. Truman has cautiously approached the tremendous task of his office. He has made some changes in his cabinet, which, on the whole, have met with the support of Labor. His understanding of the need for immediate change in the social security setup is gratifying and his support of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill would be evidence of the place he holds for the workers of this Nation in the coming post-war period. In San Francisco, the President will find that Labor has supported the war effort in all its forms of expression. Labor in San Francisco is proud of its record. Labor in San Francisco welcomes the President heartily and hopes that his visit among us will be a source of satisfaction to him.

Bridges' Decision

The Supreme Court's 5 to 3 majority opinion in the Harry Bridges deportation case has settled a long legal battle. It was a remarkable decision, not so much in the fact that it found for the defendant, but that it has squarely adhered to the Bill of Rights. We think the words of the Court, as set forth in the decision, clearly ascertained what the writers of the Bill of Rights intended, for they are words of hope and of faith to the newly arrived on our soil. The majority opinion said:

"... it would be a dismal prospect for them to discover that their freedom in the United States is dependent upon their conformity to the popular notion of the movement. But they need not make that discovery. The Bill of Rights belongs to them as well as to all citizens. . ."

Thus, has ended a case that contained more than the element of a personality. It has brought again the living demonstration of the cherished democratic traditions and institutions of this great Nation. We say it was a just and proper decision, one which will rekindle faith in the way that Organized Labor has demonstrated its faith in the Constitution of the United States.

New Editor Appointed

The Board of Publishers have announced the appointment of W. A. (Jimmie) Hicks as editor of the *Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin*. Mr. Hicks is well known as a writer of magazine articles, columns and radio scripts. He has been active on behalf of labor for many years and has served twice as president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Local 133. The publication is owned by the Federated Trades Council, Building Trades Council and the Allied Printing Trades Council of Sacramento. The *LABOR CLARION* extends its congratulations to Mr. Hicks.

We Are Individualists

By RUTH TAYLOR

We are a nation of individualists. Those who would isolate us from the world urge us to stand upon that individualism, hoping thus to keep us from concerted action. Those on the other hand who believe in a collective society, whether it be under the rule of the State or of a Dictator—not that I have ever been able to see any distinction—condemn our individualism as archaic.

We as individualists will listen to neither critic. We have regard for the person and belief in the sanctity of the individual. We respect and defend the State because it represents the composite convictions of its individual citizens. We believe in the responsibilities as well as the rights of the individual. We also believe in the responsibility of the State both toward its citizens and toward all States in the fellowship of nations.

It isn't always easy to be an individualist. There are many times when it would be much simpler to accept the mental rule of State or Dictator, to be told what to think, to have our minds ruled for us. We who have the heritage of free men must, however, do our own thinking day in and day out, in war as well as in peace.

Let us, therefore, stand firm in our individual liberties, fighting and working together as one for the good of all. We know that if the rights of the least of these our brethren are threatened, the rights of all are in danger, for no great country has ever been defeated from without that was not first defeated from within. Let us who wish to be free men, to maintain our individualism, stand firm on what we believe holding only that all men are created equal and avoiding all generalizations of our neighbor by his class, his creed or his color. Let us at all times preserve that unity of purpose which has made us a nation of individuals and which has given us freedom to live and to pass on a greater measure of freedom to each succeeding generation.

More On Florida Decision

As reported in the *LABOR CLARION* last week, the Supreme Court invalidated as an interference with the National Labor Relations Act the Florida law which required licensing of union business agents and provided also for the registration of unions.

At time of closing the *LABOR CLARION*'s columns last week only a short report was available. The case that brought about the outlawing of the statute involved Leo B. Hill, business agent of Local 234 of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters, A.F.L. The State Supreme Court had affirmed an injunction forbidding the local from functioning as a labor union and Mr. Hill from acting as business agent until they had complied with the Florida act.

Justice Hugo L. Black held the purpose of the Wagner Act was to encourage collective bargaining and to protect the "full freedom" of workers to choose their own bargaining agents.

Citing the provisions for a license fee and for scrutiny of an application by the State board, the majority of the Court ruled that to the extent that the section "limits a union's choice of such an 'agent' or bargaining representative, it substitutes Florida's judgment for the workers' judgment."

Although Section 6 of the Florida act, setting a \$1 license fee and requiring certain information, was found in itself not to conflict with the Wagner Act, the majority pointed out that for failure to comply with it the union had been enjoined from acting as a union.

In conclusion, the majority declared that the Wagner Act and Sections 4 and 6 of the Florida law could not "move freely within the orbit of their respective purposes without infringing upon one another."

In a unanimous opinion, written by Chief Justice Stone, the court declined to rule on the validity of an Alabama law forbidding unions to collect money as "a work permit" or as "a condition for the privilege to work."

A writ of certiorari was dismissed and a declaratory judgment refused on the ground that the law had not been applied or threatened to be applied.

PICTURELESS CARTOON

Clerk: "I'll have to have a raise in salary—three other companies are after me."

Boss: "Is that so! Who are they?"

Clerk: "The light company, the telephone company and the water company."

Comments and Suggestions Of S. F. Labor Council on Post-War Works Projects

The following letter was forwarded to Adrien Falk, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, Post-War Public Works Projects. It contains the comments of the Labor Council on the report prepared by the City Planning Commission. Here is the letter:

"The various councils of the American Federation of Labor in San Francisco have been most interested in the formation of a program of post-war public works. We have studied the report prepared by the City Planning Commission and have several comments we desire to express to your committee.

"In regard to the financing of the program, we note that \$25,000,000 of the total of \$131,000,000 might be classified as repair or maintenance items. The balance of \$106,000,000 would provide generally for capital improvements. While we fully realize that the city has been neglected to the extent that these repair and maintenance items have become most serious in the practical operation of the city, we nevertheless feel that provision for such maintenance properly belongs in the operating budget of the city and a post-war improvement program should give its foremost consideration to those capital improvements found necessary for the revitalization of the industrial and civic life of the community.

"In regard to the methods of financing, the Labor Council has already gone on record in opposition to the following types of financing: Increase in street car fare, local sales tax, local income taxes, sewer taxes, amusement taxes, municipal gasoline taxes, taxes on brewed beverages, cigarettes and tobacco, and consumer taxes on water, gas, electricity and telephone services. It is our feeling that the necessary finances yet to be raised should be raised by bond issues, approved by the voters, of either revenue or general obligation bonds.

"In regard to the proposed program, we have several comments, the first in regard to tideland reclamation. It is our feeling that the future of San Francisco requires the fullest present development of all facilities that would keep present industry and bring new industries to our city. We now have 2495 acres zoned for industry. 1502 acres are now being used for industrial purposes, of the remaining industrially zoned land, many non-conforming uses reduce considerably the land available. As a result of these and other factors only one square mile of industrial land is available and this aggregate is broken into such small and scattered pieces that it is only with the utmost difficulty that the needs of industries seeking locations in San Francisco are met. Furthermore, its present usefulness to the City of San Francisco is clouded by the indefinite future policies of Federal agencies. It is our feeling that full support should be given to a tideland-reclamation program designed to provide industrial sites that would be well located with reference to rail and shipping facilities. Such a program, although not self-sustaining financially, we feel is of fundamental importance to the future of our city.

"In regard to the Recreation Commission's projects, we have three suggestions for the consideration of the Committee. First, in view of the expected utilization of most of the vacant land in the city during the post-war years, we feel consideration must be given to a more adequate program of land acquisition for recreation purposes. We fear delay in such a program will result in improvement of many such vacant properties and may cause an exorbitant valuation of needed open space in the future. Secondly, we are concerned with inadequate provisions for recreation facilities in districts developed and now developing as working class districts. Thirdly, we feel that inadequate provision has been made for public swimming pools and baseball diamonds. We especially call the Committee's attention to the Hunters' Point, Mission and Sunset districts in this regard.

"In regard to the recommendations of the Board of Education, we are concerned with the inadequacy of their program, and feel that consideration should not only be given to a broader placement of schools in working class districts, but that the present shack-system in our elementary schools should be corrected.

"Trusting the criticism embodied in this presentation will be of assistance in the preparation of a sound post-war public works program, I am

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. O'CONNELL,

Secretary, San Francisco Labor Council.

Proposed Social Security Benefits

Here is what the new Social Security bill, introduced in Congress on May 24 by Senators Wagner and Murray and Congressmen Dingell, proposes in the way of unemployment insurance and old age benefits:

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Average Weekly Wage	Worker	Worker and Wife	Worker, Wife and 1 Child	Worker, Wife, 2 or More Children
\$10 or less.....	\$ 5	\$ 6.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.00
20	10	13.00	15.00	16.00
30	15	19.50	22.50	24.00
40 or more.....	20	26.00	30.00	30.00

These payments are to be paid for 26 weeks if the worker does not find suitable employment (52 weeks if there are sufficient funds). The same benefits apply if he is temporarily disabled and not eligible for Workman's Compensation under a State law. In addition to the maximum duration for disability benefits married women workers are entitled to weekly benefits, in the same amounts, for 12 weeks of maternity leave.

OLD AGE BENEFITS

Number of Years of Coverage	Insured Person	Average Monthly Wage \$100 Insured Person and Wife	Insured Person, Wife, 1 Child	Insured Person, Wife, 2 Children
10 years' coverage.....	\$35.75	\$53.63	\$71.50	\$89.38
20 years' coverage.....	39.00	58.50	78.00	97.50
30 years' coverage.....	42.25	63.38	84.50	105.63
40 years' coverage.....	45.50	68.25	91.00	113.75
		Average Monthly Wage \$200		
10 years' coverage.....	\$46.75	\$70.13	\$93.50	\$116.88
20 years' coverage.....	51.00	76.50	102.00	120.00
30 years' coverage.....	55.25	82.88	110.50	120.00
40 years' coverage.....	59.50	89.25	119.00	120.00

State Federation Executive Council Meeting

Among the important actions taken by the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor at its quarterly meeting on June 15 and 16 in Sacramento was the calling of a recess upon the request of Secretary Haggerty for the Council members to contact their respective legislative representatives regarding A. B. 134, discussed elsewhere in this issue of the LABOR CLARION, in order to help overcome the bitter opposition the measure was encountering.

Members of the Executive Council, through arrangement by Secretary Haggerty, took time off the second day of the meeting to visit Governor Warren in his offices and express their appreciation for the splendid fight he has made in behalf of the prepaid medical health plan, as well as his other efforts in behalf of labor during the current session of the Legislature.

Important decisions were reached by the Council in the action taken on a number of resolutions submitted by the Secretary, dealing with various fundamental matters vital to labor. A brief summary of the resolutions adopted by the Council follows:

Resolution of Post-war Housing, providing a comprehensive program to attain the necessary level of construction to provide full employment for building mechanics and laborers, as well as all workers in related basic industries. This resolution is in line with the program formulated at the 64th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Resolution reaffirming the position of the Federation in recommending that all initiation fees for returning veterans be waived by the various unions.

Resolution calling upon labor to be on guard against an increase in the demagogic appeals that can be anticipated from the Communist Party in line with their new orientation, and to avoid being provoked into wildcat and irresponsible action by such appeals; further, that the Communist Party be condemned regardless of what guise it assumes, and that all the affiliates combat any revival of disruptive activity.

Resolution on reconversion, making a number of concrete recommendations to facilitate and effectuate a genuine reconversion program.

Resolution on the Office of Price Administration, stressing the need of continuing the OPA and en-

dorsing the principles and philosophies of price control and rationing.

Resolution commemorating the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and pledging support of every national and local effort to perpetuate his memory through a fitting memorial.

Resolution liberalizing War Labor Board restrictions, taking from the War Labor Board the power to restrict wage increases which do not entail price adjustments.

Resolution condemning the so-called World Trade Union Congress and reaffirming the A.F.L.'s position to have the International Federation of Trade Unions convene a trade union conference.

Resolution recommending the establishment of a Bureau of Trade Unions in the Department of Labor.

Resolution endorsing the labor-management charter to promote industrial peace after the war signed by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor; Philip Murray, C.I.O. chief; and Eric A. Johnston, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Other resolutions submitted by various unions and dealing with the War Labor Board, Dumbarton Oaks, and the bargaining status of intrastate employees, were acted upon favorably by the Council. These will be discussed in the quarterly bulletin.

Secretary Haggerty reported briefly but cogently on the legislative session and informed the Council that a full and detailed report would be made, analyzing all the bills of interest to labor acted upon by the Legislature.

The question of new petitions which had been circulated, or were contemplated being circulated, by the DeMille forces was also discussed at length.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By LOUISE A. ABBOTT

Correction: The list of officers to be installed, printed in last week's Clarion, should read:

Secretary—Mrs. Jane Helms.

Treasurer—Mrs. Bijou Blade.

From a lusty infant to a healthy youngster of six years, this organization will celebrate its birthday on Charter Day, Wednesday evening, June 27, Red Men's Building, 240 Golden Gate Avenue. Installation of officers, novel entertainment, music, dancing, and refreshments are on the program and the committee in charge is working hard to make this affair a success. Come and join in the good fellowship that is always displayed at these affairs.

Retiring President J. Ann McLeod wishes to congratulate all the newly elected officers and expresses the desire that the entire membership will lend their support and co-operation so that the coming year will be a most successful one.

The auditing committee met at the home of Secretary Myrtle L. Bardsley for the final audit of the year. The books of the secretary and the treasurer, Jane Helms, show a successful year.

Chief Yeoman Wallace "Wally" Gibson, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Bardsley, is home on 39-day leave from active service in the Pacific, and is leaving with his wife, Jean, and son, "Bobby," for Big Basin for part of his vacation.

A letter from Gertrude Wiles at Boulder Dam states she will be home soon to enjoy some of the famous San Francisco fog, as a relief from the excessive heat of that place. We hope to enjoy it, also!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary last Saturday, June 16. On Sunday a dinner was tendered by her niece, Mrs. Charles Holmes, in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Skinner have purchased a home in Kentfield, Marvellous Marin. We don't know whether the present weather had any influence, but they are not moving until September 1.

The final tribute paid to Al Nielson, vice-president of San Francisco Typographical, No. 21, was the large attendance at his funeral on Saturday, June 16. Mr. Nielson was beloved by all who knew him, and in his sudden passing the Auxiliary lost a valuable friend who will be sorely missed.

Bond Sales Lag

With less than two weeks remaining for the 7th War Loan Drive, figures released on Tuesday, June 19, revealed that the national E-bond sales were still short by 35 per cent and that the San Francisco quota as of the date given was 45 per cent behind the \$50,143,000 set.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,

President of Typographical Union No. 21

Members of No. 21 were shocked and saddened by the sudden death last week of "Al" Neilson, first vice-president and for some years assistant secretary. "Al" had attended the meeting of the local executive committee meeting on Tuesday night. He was apparently in his usual good health and joined fellow committeemen for a late "snack" after adjournment. Mr. Neilson and the writer rode the same "Key" train to Berkeley and, upon separating, plans were made to attend the night ball game. That was at about 11 o'clock Tuesday night. When "Al" did not come to work the next morning, it was assumed there was a transportation delay. With no word from him by noon his associates became worried and telephoned his neighbor requesting him to investigate. When there was no response, entry to Mr. Neilson's home was forced and it was discovered that he had passed away in his sleep. The coroner attributed death to heart failure. Mr. Neilson was 54 years of age, a native of the State of Washington. He joined Bellingham Union many years ago and had served the San Francisco Union in many official capacities. He was successively, first vice-president and president in 1932; was delegate to the Seattle and Chicago conventions. He had been for a number of years president of the Allied Printing Trades Council and had also represented No. 21 as one of its delegates to the Labor Council, which latter organization paid a splendid tribute to him at its meeting last Friday night and adjourned in his memory. Surviving "Al" are two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Neilson having passed away some months ago. Funeral services, attended by a large number of members and friends, were held on Saturday, June 16, with inurnment at Cypress Lawn.

W. W. Baker, a retired member, died at Los Angeles on June 10. Mr. Baker, who had been on the pension roll since 1921, was a native of Illinois. He joined Springfield Union in 1884. The deceased member's son, Jesse E. Baker, was also a member of No. 21 until his death, in service in World War I. W. W. Baker came of a pioneer Illinois family and his wife, Martha, was an intimate acquaintance of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, attending the latter in her last illness. Funeral services for Mr. W. W. Baker were held in Los Angeles.

George E. Mitchell, Jr., was elected, at the June meeting, to the office of first vice-president, filling the vacancy caused by the death of "Al" Nielson. The balloting between Mitchell and Charles F. Crawford resulted in 64 votes for the former with Mr. Crawford receiving 23. C. W. Abbott was elected to fill a similarly-created vacancy in the delegation to the Allied Council, winning over Joseph Sullivan, both candidates being members of the News Chapel.

The light attendance at the June meeting may have been attributable to the unusual heat wave which prevailed for more than a week. With the return of customarily mild temperatures all members are urged to attend meetings. The monthly meetings are of utmost importance; are "snappy" and brief, rarely consuming as much as two hours, and are considered by those attending to be interesting and informative. Each member has a real "stake" in the Union; the "oldsters" are being "slowed" down by the pressures of war conditions and are all too frequently answering the "Final 30." The future of the Union rests with the younger members, many of whom are now in military service. Come out. You'll mingle with a "swell" group of fraternally-minded members—sincere trade unionists all.

That the March of Time is inexorable was realized when the June meeting approved applications for the old age pension by Second Vice-President "Bert" Allyn and W. N. Mappin, until recently editor of the LABOR CLARION.

Two new journeymen members were obligated at the June meeting. They were George F. Body and Ralph M. Reardon, both of whom had extended Naval service.

No. 21 voted unanimously to send a substantial financial contribution to the Organization Committee of Chicago Printing Trades Unions conducting

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A Note on Journalism

When a dispute with the mailers' union made it necessary for Detroit papers to announce in advance that they would be unable to include their usual Sunday supplement of comics, circulation fell off 15 to 20 per cent.

the strike against the notoriously anti-union Donnelly firm.

C. R. Birch of the Weiss Printing Company left for annual vacation June 15. Mr. Birch planned a visit with his mother, who is 82 years of age.

Harry J. Gundaker of the Pernau-Walsh Chapel last week entered Fort Miley Veterans Hospital for a physical checkup and possible "overhaul." He anticipates a month's residency.

Allen Caldwell, ex-president of Honolulu Union, visited headquarters last week. Mr. Caldwell, a veteran of World War I, was wounded at Vimy Ridge and Amiens while serving with the Canadian forces, and was en route to Edmonton to undergo an operation. He has been in Hawaii for a number of years and worked with several members of No. 21 when they were in that jurisdiction. Mr. Caldwell was accompanied by his wife and 4-year-old daughter.

J. H. "Johnny" Dow, who, since taking the pension several years ago, has become a "rancher" in Oregon, was a visitor last week. En route home to Cave Junction after a visit with his daughter and grandchildren in Los Angeles, John stopped over to call on his old chapel, the News, and at Union headquarters. John seems to have actually grown younger since taking up gardening in earnest. Mrs. Dow had enjoyed an earlier visit with their daughter, Julia, and family.

Golf News by Charles A. White

Have you made the necessary arrangements so you will be with a swell gang of fellows on Sunday, June 24? As has been written in this column before, that is the date of the Union Printers Golf Association tournament, to be played at El Camino. There will be the usual prizes of War Stamps for the three flights as well as a guest flight, and the third round of the match play. The 16th hole was selected by the board of directors for the hole-in-one contest. Tee time is 10:30. Please assist the foursome director and be on time.

At the board meeting last week the preliminary work was started for the annual tournament. Due to the shortage of food it will be necessary for the officers to do a lot of "shopping" to find a course near to the Bay Area that will be able to serve a dinner for the members and their guests. However, we are certain that when the officers finally decide on a course, we will have another successful "annual." We will publicize when the tickets will go on sale. Better mark your calendar now—Sunday, August 26.

The handicap committee recommended that the following members have their handicaps cut, due to the fact that they had a net score of sub-par golf on two consecutive tournaments. Charles Forst and Charles White were cut three strokes, from 16 to 13. Enoch Blackford was cut three strokes, from 24 to 21. These new handicaps will apply to medal play only. All handicaps remain stationary for the match play competition.

The standings for the MacDermott Trophy finds the ever consistent Johnny Rice still in first place with 15 points, Jess Conaway is second with 14 points, Charles White third with 12 points, and Charles Forst and Ben Apte are tied for the fourth spot with 11 points each.

Two members of the Printers Association were victims of the same goffer in the Sharp Park Club—a gent by the name of Snow defeated Bud Stuck 2 and 1 and then on the following week defeated Pere Crebassa on the 20th hole . . . Congratulations are in order—at the home of Jess Conaway there is a new caddy—his name is Michael. Both mother and son are doing fine.

Tsk, tsk, we are quite positive Roy Donovan didn't really mean those words when he found an 8 and a 9 on his card when there should have been 4's.

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Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

At last Sunday's union meeting the interesting reports of officers and delegates met with unanimous approval. A liberal donation was voted the striking members of the Donnelley plant in Chicago. Irwin Elber, trade union director of the California Labor School, addressed the meeting in an interesting talk, giving the highlights of the purposes and objectives of the labor school. Ray Gaskill, of the *Call-Bulletin* chapel, who has been absent from union meetings for some time, owing to heart ailment, attended last Sunday's union meeting, being the recipient of the "glad hand" from members at the meeting. Looking the picture of health and stating he felt in fine trim, the fascinating pastime of mailer politics doubtless proved too strong for Ray to resist being a participant.

LeRoy F. Bennetts, ex-president of No. 18, and foreman of the "People's World," has purchased a home in Larkspur. Mr. and Mrs. Bennetts will soon be taking up their residence in Marin County in the hopes that a milder climate will assist in the recovery of their son from bronchial ailments, having been so advised by their family physician.

Advices at hand state the officers of the International Mailers Union and several groups of mailers known to be I.M.U. members, have been expelled by the executive council in a determined effort to rid the I.T.U. of dual unionists. The problem has been made more difficult because of the determination of the council—the only policy consistent with good unionism—to give full protection to loyal mailer unions and individual mailer members. It has been necessary to lift some charters, and it may become necessary to lift some more.

Loyal mailer members of the I.T.U. should rejoice and loyally support the Executive Council of the I.T.U. in their praiseworthy efforts to squelch the ambitions of mailer politicians, in their efforts to build up another political racket, like the M.T.D.U. has proven itself to be an I.M.U. The alleged mailer "leaders" of both these organizations, as their "statesmanship" has shown, is simply to create political jobs of a do-nothing nature, only to exploit the working mailer for their own selfish purposes. As a matter of fact, political "leaders" of M.T.D.U. were and are in no position to do anything beneficial to working mailers even if they wanted to do so. On the contrary, their efforts were centered on "political pap" and benefits—political jobs—for themselves. What happened in that erstwhile stronghold of the M.T.D.U. — St. Louis Mailers Union? The St. Louis union is not credited as having paid any dues in the financial statements of the M.T.D.U. in the April, May, June issues of the Typographical Journal.

John Kreiser, of executive committee, accompanied by his wife, returned last week from an auto tour through Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and reports having enjoyed every mile of their tour.



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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

Synopsis of Meeting Held Friday Evening, June 15, 1945.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Vice-President Haggerty, Brother A. C. Armstrong acting as vice-president pro tem.

Roll Call of Officers—All present, excepting President Shelley and Sergeant-at-Arms Kelly, who were excused; Anthony Costa acting as sergeant-at-arms.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

Credentials—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Sterotypers and Electrotypers, No. 29—Edward Martin.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, June 15.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the proper qualifications, your committee recommends that they be seated as delegates to this Council: Cooks No. 44—Joe Belardi, Joseph Hayes, Walter Hurd; Dental Laboratory Technicians No. 99—Wm. F. Bordwell; Teamsters No. 85—Phillip Gallagher; Typographical Union No. 21—P. W. Akers, J. D. Baird, and Waiters No. 30—Sam Taback. Report of the committee as a whole concurred in.

Communications—Filed: United States Department of the Interior acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of May 16 to Secretary Ickes in reference to the development of California's water resources. From San Francisco Chapter, American Red Cross, receipt for \$164.00, contributed by various organizations. From San Francisco War Chest, receipt for \$25.00, contribution from Cap Makers No. 9. From Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen No. 3116, notifying the Council that they would furnish no financial assistance at the present time to the Labor League for Human Rights for the re-establishment of a free trade union movement. From California State Association of Barbers and Beauticians, thanking Senator Shelley for his consistent and courageous support of legislation in their behalf.

Bills were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

Donations: To the Labor League for Human Rights—Chauffeurs No. 265, \$100.00. To San Francisco War Chest—Cooks No. 44, \$905.32. To San Francisco Chapter American Red Cross—Cooks No. 44, \$452.68.

Referred to Executive Committee—From Warehousemen No. 860, requesting strike sanction against the Levi Strauss Company at 250 Valencia Street.

Referred to LABOR CLARION—Copy of a letter addressed by this Council to the Citizens' Committee of Post-War Public Works Projects expressing the interest of the A.F.L. in the information of a post-war public works program and outlining several suggestions on the report prepared by the City Planning Commission.

Request Complied With—From Cracker Bakers' No. 125, requesting that the Purity Biscuit Company of Salt Lake City, Utah, be taken off the Unfair List, as they have now signed a contract with the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America. From American Federation of

Vacation Hints

When planning your vacation this year leave the worries and cares of every-day life behind. Just relax.

Too many people feel they must hurriedly make up for lost time. Often the body objects, the muscles go lame, the heart is taxed and the vacation is spoiled.

Begin slowly. When the body becomes limber activities may be increased. Don't be too active during the hottest part of the day. Avoid excesses in eating, drinking, exercise and sunbath. Overindulgences defeat the primary purpose of the vacation, which is rest and a refreshing change.

Labor stating their opposition to the modification of the Price Control Act, and urging everyone to communicate with members of Congress to make their views known. Motion was made and seconded that when the Council adjourn it do so out of respect to the memory of our late Brother Alvin Nielson of Typographical Union No. 21; carried.

Report of Unions—Delegate Charles Bruno of Leather and Novelty Workers No. 31 reported he has been in negotiation with several companies since last Wednesday and also had meetings with the Employers' Council in reference to holiday pay. Delegate Bruno stated that a representative from the Employers' Council should be invited to appear before the Executive Committee of the Council; it was referred to the Secretary to arrange such a meeting.

New Business—Brother George Johns, San Francisco Labor Council representative for the San Francisco Co-ordinating Council for Veterans Services, reported that an office will soon be established in the City Hall and that a counsellor from labor should be a representative in that office so that labor may participate. Delegate Ted White, Warehousemen No. 860, reported that labor should be represented on the basis of its strength and that there should be a proper representation. Motion was made and seconded that this matter be referred to the executive committee for a complete investigation of this report; carried.

The Secretary announced that there would be a repeat performance of the industrial drama "The Forgotten Factor" to be presented at the Curran Theatre on Tuesday, June 19, at 8:30 p. m.

The Secretary announced that there would be no meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday evening, June 18.

Receipts, \$3,763.00; Disbursements, \$3,786.61.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

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News Briefed for Reading

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Despite all that has been written, said and done to make jobs safer, industrial accidents in 1944 took a terrific toll in life and injury and in time lost. In the war year of 1944, 15,900 men and women were killed on their jobs; 2,230,400 men and women were injured; 94,000 men and women were partly but permanently disabled, and 1,700 others were totally or permanently disabled.

Of the 7,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil produced throughout the United Nations since Pearl Harbor, the United States has furnished approximately 75 per cent.

Collections of waste paper for April totaled nearly 618,000 tons, a decline of 22,000 tons from March.

Better ways to build ships brought national awards for outstanding suggestions to Joe Gardemey, Fred Mauroni, Edwin Joseph Farrell, B. Conrad, J. M. Maxey, H. C. Harline, A. E. Townsend and L. L. Rogers. The above workers are employed at Marinship Corporation at Sausalito and are members of American Federation of Labor metal trades.

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, has been elected to the board of directors of the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Meany had participated in the establishment of labor arbitration facilities by the association some years ago and his accession to the board is an outgrowth of that activity.



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Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.
American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Becker Distributing Company.
Bruener, John, Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia),
publishers of "Saturday Evening Post,"
"Ladies' Home Journal," "Country
Gentleman."
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth
St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mis-
sion St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hills-
dale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central,
1412 Market St., and the Ford Apart-
ments, 957 Mission St.).

Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.
Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of over-
alls and working men's clothing.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navalet Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los
Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pab-
lo Ave., Oakland.

Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Sloane, W. & J.
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545
Market.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and
Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
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Final Fate of Bills Hanging in Balance As Legislative Session Is About to Close

From Headquarters of California State Federation of Labor

As this is being written, the legislative session in Sacramento is in its closing hours, and all bad labor bills have been disposed of. The only danger of further adverse legislation lies in last minute amendments that may be submitted to any of the innocuous bills still to be considered. The final fate of the few good bills in which labor is interested is still to be decided. As soon as the official records are available, a complete analysis of what has occurred in Sacramento, insofar as it affected the labor movement will be made known.

Of the bills that have been passed, only three bad bills of major importance were adopted, while much favorable legislation was enacted. These bills, both the good and bad, must still be acted upon by the Governor. Two of the bills which were bitterly opposed by labor were passed during the last week's rush, still another was killed off, and some bad amendments were successfully resisted.

S. B. 1191 (Parkman), passed the Assembly by a vote of 45 to 30. This was one of the worse blows suffered by labor at this session. The bill, which is now on the Governor's desk, is the so-called "73% bill", previously analyzed on several occasions. When this bill was before the Assembly for final passage, the California State Federation of Labor offered amendments which would have had the effect of giving employers the reduction in rates which they sought, but would have set aside employees' contributions in a special fund to pay sick and disability benefits to workers ineligible under present provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act because they are unavailable for employment. Speaker Chas. W. Lyon ruled that the amendments were not apropos to the title and were therefore out of order. The Speaker's contention was later sustained by the Legislative Council, who, however, maintained that the bill would be constitutional if the amendments were adopted and the bill passed. The Federation's representatives redoubled their efforts to incorporate the amendments in the bill, but a motion to sustain the Chair prevailed 39 to 26. Following this vote, Assemblyman Francis Dunn of Oakland moved that the rules be suspended to permit introduction of the amendment. This maneuver failed by a vote of 34 to 34, a two-thirds vote being required. The bill was then passed in its original and objectionable form.

S. B. 615 (Sutton), passed the Assembly by a vote of 42 to 34. This is another bad measure, opposed by the Federation, which incorporates in a modified form the Federal definition of agricultural labor in the California Unemployment Insurance Act. Through this definition, approximately 50,000 workers who now have the protection of that law will be excluded. A ray of hope still remains, however, from the Governor's veto of a similar bill two years ago.

A. B. 278 (Rosenthal *et al*) was passed in the Senate by a unanimous vote. This measure, as introduced, was endorsed by the California State Federation of Labor, but prior to its adoption it was amended so as to make it unacceptable. The bill originally provided that unemployment insurance benefits would be paid on the award of a referee, pending court action in case of an appeal. The amendment, however, carries the provision of S. B. 989 (Desmond), a bill which excluded insurance agents from coverage and which was vetoed by the Governor early this month. A. B. 278 will not probably be permitted to die on file.

A. B. 116 (Ralph C. Dills *et al*) was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 15 to 19. This bill, sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor,

extended from six months to a year the time during which proceedings could be commenced for the collection of compensation.

A. B. 876 (Maloney *et al*) was killed in the Senate when a motion prevailed that it be "indefinitely postponed." This measure would have clarified and strengthened the child labor laws, but met opposition from the Senate farm bloc.

S. B. 1083 (Judah *et al*) was defeated in the Assembly. This was another objectionable unemployment insurance bill which the Federation was instrumental in defeating. Although its sponsors claimed that it was aimed solely to exclude cannery workers who never had more than a few months' employment each year and were not available for employment, its provisions were so broad that it would have adversely affected the rights of many employees whose work is not essential.

A. B. 335 (Gaffney *et al*) passed the Senate by a unanimous vote. This bill extends to all employers the prohibition against interfering in any way in regard to the political affiliations and activities of their employees. The law originally applies only to those who regularly employed more than 20 employees. Previous to final passage Senator Tenney attempted to introduce amendments which would have enabled unscrupulous employers to fire workers

Government Workers

How deeply reconversion will cut into Government employees, in Washington and elsewhere, is a question as yet unanswered but during the next six to nine months it was indicated by the Budget Bureau that 750,000 employees will be told to hunt other positions. These employees are mostly employed in field work. The slash in Washington will reach 20,000 a month.

A.F.L. Wins Vote

The A.F.L. won an important and impressive victory over the CIO in an election held among the employees of the Electric Boat Company at Arlington, Mass. The vote, almost a 3-to-1 margin, was as follows: A.F.L., 2474; C.I.O., 914, and independent, 314.

on the unsupported charge that they adhered to subversive philosophies. Bills containing language identical with the proffered amendments had been previously denied consideration in both Houses, and the Senate rejected the Tenney amendments by a vote of 15 to 22.

A. B. 134 (Maloney), the most important bill on workmen's compensation, providing that temporary payments in addition to permanent payments shall be made to the injured worker, still awaits action on the Senate floor, and the Federation's representatives are hopeful that it will be successfully passed by the time this report is published.



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